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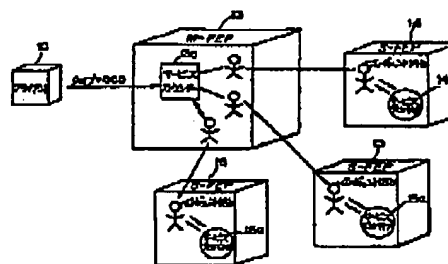
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PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To processing a job while totally considering the aspects of time, quality and cost and using a processor optimum for user needs by providing a designating means and an output means at a client and providing a selecting means and a transfer means at each processor.

SOLUTION: An M-FEP 13 incorporates a service counter for selecting an S-FEP for processing the job. When the job is received from a client 10, this service counter recruits agents which can process the job and when agents 14b-16b apply for it, an estimate is instructed to the respective applicant agents. Then, any optimum agent is selected based on the estimated results presented from the respective agents 14b-16b. Further, the selected agent receives the job from the service counter, moves to the correspondent S-FEP together with this job and dispatches the job to a service provider.



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